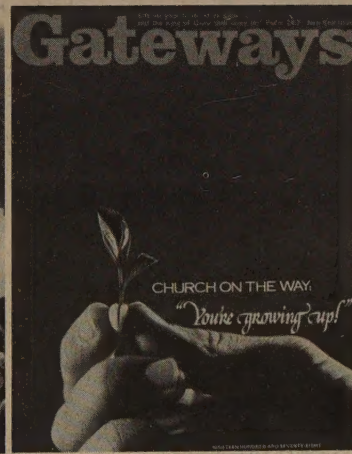


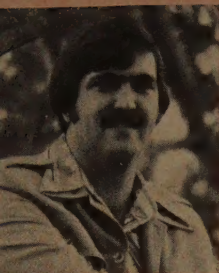
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The Many Faces of Foursquare Evangelism



guest editorial:

On pages 4 and 5 of this issue, you will find an interview with Dr. Jack Hayford regarding the changes in the youth culture over the past three decades.

Youth is a time for growing, exploring, testing and maturing. It's an exciting age and an exciting group of people to observe and to minister with and to. Today's young people have been labeled "apathetic," "indifferent," and "cool." However, there is a growing desire among Christian youth to become "involved" and "committed." The recent Foursquare Youth Leadership Congress II drew leading young people from four nations who reflected this growing hunger for opportunities and responsibilities in fulfilling the task of world-wide evangelism in these last days. Teens in Foursquare churches around the country and around the world are being stirred by the Holy Spirit to launch into ministries that touch lives.

The Lord has spoken strongly to many in our organization that He wants to bring revival to the

young generation, and that He wants to use us to play an important part in that revival. The challenge to Foursquare churches and the adults that support them—the teachers that train our young, the leaders who guide them, and the ministers who pastor them—is to provide the channel and motivation that will direct and ignite the energies and vision of our youth. We dare not allow this generation to pass without knowing the miracle working power of God or without releasing them to their full potential as ministers of the love and life of Jesus Christ.

The Lord has said through a prophetic word that He will bring about a revival among the youth of today that will make the Jesus Movement of the sixties pale by comparison. It will only happen as we understand the needs and desires of youth and are prepared to guide, instruct, inspire and release them to be all that God intends them to be.

Yours for strong and young believers,
Reverend Dan Ussery
National Youth Ministries Director

Members and friends of the Foursquare Family join together to express sincere sympathy to our President, Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, in the death of his father, **Mr. Harold McPherson**, on July 18, 1978, in Titusville, Fla. Dr. and Mrs. McPherson and Roberta Salter, Dr. McPherson's sister, attended the Memorial Services.

On July 25, 1978, **Dr. and Mrs. Howard P. Courtney**, Vice President and Pastors of Angelus Temple, celebrated 50 years of preaching ministry. The Angelus Temple congregation joined the Courtneys in celebrating this special occasion in the Sunday services. Dr. Courtney began preaching as a teen-ager before entering L.I.F.E. Bible College.

Angelus Temple recently hosted a Friday Night Rally conducted by the "LET GO—LET GOD" television ministry. Featuring the ministries of the **West Adams** and **Chatsworth, Ca.** Foursquare Churches, pastored by Revs. and Mmes Marvin Smith and Carl Burns, respectively, this program is aired weekly on Trinity Broadcasting Network (Channel 40) in Los Angeles, Ca.

The 1978 **PFNA Convention** is to be held Oct. 23-25 at the Central Assembly of God Church in Springfield, Mo. Theme for the convention is "When They Had Prayed" (Acts 4:31:33) with **Bishop J. Floyd Williams**, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and Chairman of PFNA, the Keynote speaker.

Twenty-five years of ministry will be celebrated by the **Muir, Pa.** Church, Sept. 17-24. Plans are already under way for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the **Sterling, Colo.** Foursquare Church which will take place Nov. 19.

Great Lakes District Supervisor **L.T. Charter** was present recently for the Dedication Services of the new addition to the **Wausau, Wis.** Foursquare Church and the new Staff House in **Newton, Ia.** He also ministered at the 40th Anniversary celebration of the **Tipton, Ia.** Foursquare Church on July 16.

The annual Family Camps of the **South Central District** were held July 15-Aug. 12 with guest speakers including Dr. and Mrs. John Am-

stutz, Rev. and Mrs. Warren Johnson, and Revs. Dale Downs, and Mary Lou Canata.

Permission has been granted by the **Cuban** government for the importation of **5,000 Bibles** and **New Testaments** for distribution there by local Protestant churches. This project is sponsored by the United Bible Societies. 4

PRESENT WITH THE LORD
Eleazar H. Echeverria, Millard Parrish, Herman Walters.



Dr. and Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance, former Supervisors, celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary, June 11, 1978.

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Inside our Foursquare family:

COMMUNITY CONCERN: **Performing Ministry** **Street Fair Outreach** **Pottsville, Pennsylvania**

Returning for its third year of performing ministry, the Pottsville, Pa. Foursquare Church's 18-voice choir presented the Bill Gaither musical, "Alleluia," at the Pottsville Street Fair held in early summer. This annual event was attended by thousands of the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania.



Pastor David Wing narrated the concert and climaxed the hour long program by giving opportunity for those listening to make a commitment to Christ. Bernadette Dutton directed the choir, and Joseph Torquato, the church organist, assisted in the taped background music.

Preceding the "Praise Gathering for Believers" Concert, the church trio, consisting of Marquel Ortiz, James Flanigan, and Joseph Freiler, presented one hour of music and inspirational devotions.

The fair committee of the city of Pottsville arranged for the church participation and two years ago awarded the Foursquare church with an appreciation plaque.

The Pottsville Church, pioneered in September, 1971, by Reverend and Mrs. David Wing, is reaching out into the adjacent communities with the Gospel. As a result it is experiencing a consistent growth in attendance. Several families have found Christ and have, also, come into the church because of the Fair Outreach Ministry.

CHURCH: **Jubilee Celebrations** **Kingsway, B.C., Canada**

Using Philippians 1:6 as its theme, the Kingsway Foursquare Church celebrated 50 years of ministry to the greater Vancouver area, April 30-May 7. Pastor Barry McGaffin reports that by design of the Holy Spirit, each speaker's message joined perfectly with every

other part of the celebration to minister vitality to the congregation.



By invitation of local leaders, and at the request of Aimee Semple McPherson, Dr. Anna D. Britton visited Vancouver 50 years ago to conduct a 10-day revival campaign which resulted in the birth of the Kingsway Church. For the next 14 years, Dr. Britton served as pastor of the Kingsway Church and Supervisor of the Canadian Field. A woman of vision, she established Foursquare churches across the Dominion and founded L.I.F.E. Bible College of Canada in 1929. In ensuing years the Kingsway pulpit has been filled by some of the most able, Christian leaders of our time.

With over 600 members and friends of the congregation in attendance on Sunday, May 7, Dr. M.E. Nicholls and Rev. Victor Gardner, Supervisor of Western Canada District, presented a plaque to the congregation on behalf of the Board of Directors commemorating the church's 50 years of ministry. Special speakers included: General Supervisor, Dr. M.E. Nicholls; Drs. Walter Mussen, and Guy Duffield; Revs. Joe Morlock, Roy Hicks, Jr. and John Holland; and Pastor McGaffin.



Redondo Beach, California

In June, 1928, Revs. Ruth Grace and Kathleen Paeschke, recent graduates of L.I.F.E. Bible College, erected a tent on the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Anita and Catalina Streets in Redondo Beach, Ca. and began a Foursquare church that continues to be an influence for the whole South Bay area as it presents Jesus Christ to the community.

Pastor Harold Hawkins reports that in the 1930's the church was moved to several locations and at one time was situated at the foot of the municipal pier where the sounds of revival were heard by many visitors to the beach resort.

On June 4, the day of the Anniversary celebration, former pastor, Rev. Max Siesser, and Dr. Paul E. Jones, District Supervisor, ministered in the Morning and Evening Services, respectively. Dr. Jones presented a lovely plaque of commendation to the church for 50 years of ministry which was accepted by John and Fred Vigil, who began attending the church in the forties.

Rev. Juanita Hawkins, present co-pastor, is the daughter of Rev. Paeschke, one of the pioneer pastors.

Church Dedication **Stockton, California**

Sunday, June 4, marked the "Day of Dedication" of the new sanctuary and school facilities of the Stockton, Ca. Foursquare Church. A new Rodger's organ was also dedicated on this day, reports Pastor Curtis Holland.

Special guests who participated in the dedicatory ceremonies included Dr. M.E. Nicholls—General Supervisor, Rev. Fred Wymore—District Supervisor, and Mayor Arnold Rue. Rev. Paul Mickelson, recording artist, arranger and composer presented a dedicatory organ concert in the evening service.



Boulder, Colorado



Pastor Ron Cleaver (far left) of Boulder, Colo. Foursquare Church presents Certificates of Appreciation to leaders of recent church Creative Christian Education Seminars.

VIEWPOINT:

Looking Over Three Decades of Change in the Youth Culture

An interview with
Jack W. Hayford, D. D.,
conducted by
Dorothy Jean Furlong

Jack W. Hayford, D.D. was appointed President of L.I.F.E. Bible College at Los Angeles in August, 1977. He also ministers as pastor of the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, the Church on the Way. Prior to his acceptance of that pastorate, he served as Dean of Students at L.I.F.E. Bible College and, previous to that, as National Youth Director of the Foursquare denomination.

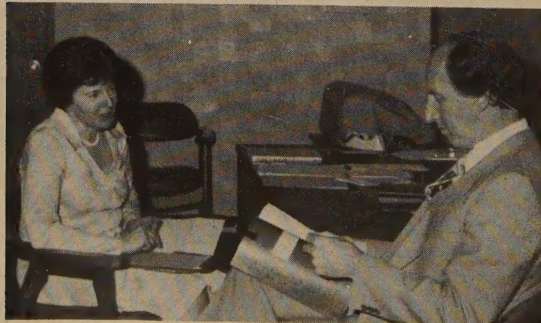
That era (1952-1956) has been dramatized on the television series, "Happy Days," as a carefree era. I think a great naivete was evident in most young people at that time by comparison with the present. What we would call sinning would be child's play today. There was hardly a sense of involvement with the great issues of society. The last thing to enter a college student's mind would be to protest on campus.

In the early 1950's we had a healthy respect for intellectual pursuit. This attitude was to peak out in the post-Sputnik era or after 1957. The new kind of value system was measured more by intellect than by a traditional value on the flag, mother and apple pie.

However, any sense of commitment to the Lord tended to have a more nebulous objective—a more dreamy, visionary kind of goal than today. I think that's because when one spoke, for example, of missions, there were still primitive areas to go to, and when you spoke of pastoral work, it still had a kind of other-worldly dignity to it. We had a rather idealized approach to almost everything.

What was the difference between young people of college age when you were in school and when you served as National Director from 1960 to 1965? What had happened to them to change their viewpoints or involvement?

I would say that there was a slow, steady evaporation of the great American dream. I think the trend of social events brought it about. The social dynamics of the integration process in our country began to activate a social conscience in the American believer who would listen.



There was another thing. The rock music era first came in 1961. Then came the twist. A few entertainers (pioneered by Elvis) introduced the hip movement. Innocence began to disappear, and in that same period there were the first seeds of a real spirit of perversion coming on.

When you get into the late 1960's, you're getting to the war happening. By the time you get to the middle sixties, riots are already taking place in Detroit and Watts. Consequently, a young person has increased built-in uneasiness. It's harder to get him to settle down on one thing, and the uneasiness keeps growing. It's not going to climax until the Kent State era at the end of the sixties. There's a restlessness-unsettledness and a searching for new meaning because the dream is disappearing. During the time that I was National Youth Director, I recognized that most Christian youth had little definition of practical application of the spiritual realities they had been taught.

You became Dean of Students at LIFE in 1965. How would you contrast college youth at that point, looking back to when you were in college?

Well, that really brings you to what I think is the most dramatic event in the spiritual arena of the 1960's. It sounds superficial, but I am convinced it isn't. It was the Beatles, who were more than just a music group. They were a wave of spiritual darkness and prophets who swept on the world. It's interesting that simultaneously with the rise of the Beatles, there was a sudden burst of concern over the ecology of the world. What was happening in the spiritual world was being manifested in the physical. Pollution suddenly appeared everywhere.

The young people we dealt with, even the rather unreal world of the Bible College community where you get more the person of spiritual sensitivity, manifested rebellion. Authority was almost never accepted just because it was authority. That is the major difference between the years when I came to Bible College as a student and 13 years later when I became Dean of Students. The attitude toward authority began to affect their commitment to any prescribed approaches to anything. The only power that the teacher had was the power of the grade, but even grades began to be less important. Whereas it was to be prized to be an honor student in the past, now grades were recognized as only relative in a certain respect. This brings us into the student riots affecting both higher education and high schools in the late sixties.

They had been taught from the early 1960's (from the time of the introduction of the new math and new approaches to En-



Three decades reflect three different campus moods: (From left) The unquestioning 1950's; the open interaction of the 1970's; the carefree early 1960's.

glish) that there was virtually no absolute. Everything was relative. It was not just taking a conservative approach to education; rather, it became a matter of challenging everything that had been established. This bore its fruit, for example, with the kid who entered the first grade in 1961, and who got into high school toward the end of the sixties. Then, of course, we started into Vietnam. That added more to the person's futility. He felt that his destiny was in the hands of the U.S. Selective Service. They went over there with the prospect of being killed, so they went for heroin and every other kind of perversion while the people at home and, indeed, the nation, itself, lost its sense of destiny.

Then the Jesus Revolution began to raise a live option to young people everywhere. There was not any part of the youth subculture that was not aware that it was happening. Whether youth responded to it or not, at least they knew there was such a thing as a "Jesus freak." I think that God, in one stroke, rescued a generation of young people from perishing. It swept around the world but was most detectable in the United States. I think it's the most marked revival in this generation—maybe even in this century.

It is difficult to disassociate the Jesus Revolution from the Pentecostal Charismatic Renewal, because it is so commonly related. Those two forces—the Jesus Revolution and the Charismatic Renewal—brought youth a sense of mission. They began to sense a call and so took on New Testament dimensions. They began to see their lives in the context of what they were created to be. They began to really see a sense of individual, creative distinctiveness in themselves. The whole collective approach to dress and appearance is a statement that everyone of us is different. The "do your thing" among Jesus people was the realization of what God meant you to be.

As President of LIFE Bible College, how do you view young people now?

Since a "youth generation" is only about 5 to 7 years, I'm really concerned that since the Jesus Revolution has just about gone, there is a generation of youth that "knew not Joseph." Like Gideon, they are saying, "Where be all his miracles?" I think there's a breed of kids that is coming up now that is just one youth generation away from the 22 to 30 age bracket that knows something that this breed of kids doesn't. These kids have heard about it, because the music still lingers and a lot of the cultural influences in the Christian communities are still there. They worship and accept a lot of the forms of the openness, but they don't know the foundations of it. I am not sure they have tapped into the fountain for themselves. It is like they are still drinking from wells that were drawn in the Renewal. That really concerns me.

The Lord has spoken to us in our church that we are to pray with strong intercession for a new revival among the youth of this nation. Historically, the argument is that great renewals only come maybe 40 to 50 years apart. But because there is an increasing acceleration of everything with rising intensity at phenomenal rates in every realm today, that, in itself, would tell us that God will not be out-stripped by the rapid advances in technology, and certainly not by the rapid advances by the powers of darkness. There is a clear cleavage going on between light and darkness, and they are both getting more intense. The Lord has said to us to believe Him for another youth renewal, and that we don't need to wait for a generation. In other words, He won't deal with the human generation in the sense of another 30 years, but He'll do it now. I think it's about to happen, and it's needed!

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Who Is The Evangelist?



open your Bible:

By Reverend Don Pickerill
Pastor, Christian Assembly
Foursquare Church
Eagle Rock, California

Condensed from a series on "The Ministry Gifts" of Ephesians 4:11 as delivered at L.I.F.E. Bible College.

Our message deals with the ministry gift of the evangelist. Ephesians 4:1-16 (RSV) tells us what Jesus wants to do for His church and His plan for doing it. This passage deals with the believer's call, the unity of the body, and the ministry gifts and their purposes.

Verses 11-13 state: "And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Our task in this message is to focus on the ministry gift of the evangelist. In this area of ministry is the need for one of the greatest healings in the church today—healing between the church and the ministry of evangelism.

The noun "evangelist" does not appear often in the Bible, but it's there enough times so that we can get a picture of what an evangelist is by the principles which are listed in Scripture. First, in verse 11 it is named as a ministry gift equal with all the others—apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers—all equipping and ministering to the body of Christ. That's a clue to understanding evangelism and the evangelist. Also, the Apostle Paul exhorts Timothy to do the work of an evangelist (II Tim. 4:5). But the most significant, biblical illustration of an evangelist is Philip.

The evangelist as deacon or elder

In Acts 21:8 (RSV) Luke is describing the journey of Paul as he returns to Jerusalem: "On the morrow we departed and came to Caesarea; and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist" (vs. 8). Philip was called the evangelist. He was also one of seven deacons recorded in Acts, Chapter 6. According to verse 8, Philip was given to hospitality, fulfilling the function of an elder ("... and

stayed with him").

Acts, Chapter 8 tells us what Philip, the evangelist, did, how he preached, and what he said. It also gives us God's biblical principles and motto for evangelism. From this chapter let us consider Philip's message, method, and his ministry.

There is absolutely no question about Philip's message. We are told over and over again in this chapter what he did. "... He preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ ..." (vs. 12). Now that word translated "preached good news" is the verb "evangelizo", from which we get our word "evangelize". The noun, evangelist, is close to this, but when we say evangelize, we're using, in a sense, a verb that describes what Philip did. The word "angelos" means a messenger or message and when you put the "eu" in front of it, we get our word "eulogize". It means good news. In verse 25 it states, "... they returned to Jerusalem preaching the gospel." Evangelism is called "preaching the gospel." Verse 35: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus." Verse 40: "But Philip ... preached the gospel ..." Philip declared the good news, announced the glad tidings and preached the Gospel.

The content of the Gospel is very clearly defined by this chapter, as well. Verse 5: "Philip ... proclaimed to them the Christ." Verse 12: "... he preached good news about the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ." Verse 35: "He told them the good news of Jesus." The Gospel is the good news about our Lord Jesus Christ. To evangelize means that you preach this good news. This was Philip's message.

If we are going to summarize what the Evangelist Philip did, we must consider I Corinthians 9:22 where the Apostle Paul gives the New Testament formula for evangelism: "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." Anything we can do to win all men for the Lord Jesus Christ is what it means. But Acts, Chapter 8 helps us to understand the method and the techniques of the evangelist. The first statement concerning Philip in Chapter 8 is that he "went down to a CITY of Samaria."

It is very important to relate the evangelist to the church, but evangelism is "out there."

But today we spend so much of our time holding evangelistic services in the church. I was raised in a particular tradition where we had an evangelistic service every Sunday night whether sinners were there or not. Evangelism is the world; it is the city. Philip didn't go into some home (first century meeting place for the church) but into the city, because that is where the needs really were.

In the New Testament it is not clear that believer's meetings were basically for evangelism. According to I Corinthians, Chapter 14, an unbeliever and an unlearned person might chance into that meeting, but it was not designed for them. When the whole church comes together it is for the edification of the body. It is possible to be part of an evangelistic center where services are evangelistic all the time, but the saints are not always edified. It is so important that we stick the sickle in where the grain really is.

Miracles for the individual

Notice, also, that Philip ministered to individuals (Ethiopian eunuch. Acts 8:26-39). This is a very important key in Acts, Chapter 8 because Philip could have gone out and conducted a very important city-wide meeting. He was a great evangelist. Yet this man, by the Spirit of the Lord, dealt with an individual. Philip did not need a pulpit. He was willing to go out on a desert road to save one soul. The Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." A true evangelist can be led by the Spirit. The Lord Jesus knows to whom an evangelist should go and the Spirit can tell him (her) and open that door.

Philip also preached wherever he went. "Philip was found at Azotus, and passing on he preached the gospel to all of the towns until he came to Caesarea" (Acts 8:40). Evangelists just don't preach at 7:30 on Sunday nights. These folk in the Early Church preached the Gospel everywhere. They couldn't be stopped; they had it in them. The Early Church evangelists also had the ability to show others how to do it because they were true equippers of the body of Christ and led the church into great ministry, as well.

All through the book of Acts you have this element of the "calling card"—the Lord's "calling card". It is displayed when Philip came along with the beautiful signs as the Lord brought healing to the people. They believed when they heard Philip and saw the signs which he did. Evangelism basically becomes a manifestation of all aspects of the being of God—His love, power and wisdom. They all come together around this subject of evangelism.

By the love of God I understand evangelism to be the love that comes into the life of

the church—the people of the Lord. This is life-level evangelism; it goes on daily. Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you have love one for another" (Jn. 13:35 RSV). The key to evangelism in the New Testament was not evangelistic meetings. It was the church being the church, and as a result people were added daily to the Kingdom of God just through the processes of living. It was a natural flow (Acts 2:40-47).

The second step is the manifestation of the power of God. This is the "sign and wonder" evangelism. The Lord wants to meet people's needs and so He comes with the beautiful "calling card" of His power. Today we need a restoration of the pure and true power of God. But there is a reason why we can't have that. It is amazing that anytime the Lord gives some of His power—His "signs and wonders" power—to individuals, they can't handle it. Invariably they set up their own evangelistic group or association. History proves that whenever the church failed to carry out its responsibilities of evangelism, God has raised up a "voice", or a ministry seemingly apart from a local assembly. And He has used and blessed many such groups and evangelistic associations, but I don't believe that it was God's perfect will that they should have ever sprung up in the earth apart from the church. Such associations should spring forth from the church. They belong in the church. Evangelism has to be brought back into the church in a proper way and in submission so that nobody gets the credit for it. There is no more grace of God's power when a man has power than when he has love, knowledge or wisdom. Philip and the apostles could handle God's power because they were in proper submission.

Sowing wisdom, not confusion

Third, evangelism in the New Testament is a manifestation of the wisdom of God. The Lord had a plan. That is why He put a ministry gift in the church so that the church could have access to a ministry which plans its evangelism. There is a system and a way, but, today, many evangelists are out there doing their own thing and this brings confusion to the church. When the apostles gathered together as recorded in Galatians 2:9, they concluded that Paul and Barnabas should go to the Gentiles and James, Peter and John to the circumcised. They had a system. These office gifts were used in proper submission one to another. We need to see the love and power of the Lord, and the wisdom of God manifested in evangelism.

First, in every case Philip established his converts to the point of water baptism. He did not abandon them.

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Mastering New Evangelistic Tools to Respond to the Shifting Seventies

It was not too many years ago that revival meetings lasting anywhere from two to six weeks were conducted periodically in the church, and Sunday evening services were designed strictly as evangelistic meetings. To many, evangelism was interpreted solely in these terms.

We in the Foursquare Church are thankful for the "fires of evangelism" that gave birth to the Foursquare Denomination as our Founder, Aimee Semple McPherson (one of the most outstanding evangelists of the twentieth century), crisscrossed America and traveled to many countries of the world conducting evangelistic campaigns that could not be equaled in her day. We thank God for her ministry.

Although there are yet evangelists who are being used to conduct successful mass crusades, a revival held today for two to four weeks in the local church appears to be the exception rather than the rule. A change is taking place as new methods and tools of evangelism are being implemented, or a method is, today, receiving a greater emphasis than in previous years.

One of the newest tools of evangelism used by the church in the past several decades is the media of television. In 1977, Foursquare churches were involved in 150 television program ministries. The Decatur, Illinois Foursquare Church, pastored by Dr. Harold Helms, took a major step in this direction in 1975 when it purchased equipment and leased a television cable station (Channel 6 in Decatur) to prepare for the telecasting of Christian programming to its community. This congregation's burden to evangelize the lost and to nurture Christian believers in their area began to be realized on February 29, 1976—the day of their first telecast. At this

time they televised from 60 to 65 hours of Christian programming a week.

Last year the Decatur Church became the first church in the world to purchase a cable station thus making it possible to televise 24 hours each day. The earth station provided the opportunity to offer a greater diversity in programming as they are now able to complement their own programs with programs from other Christian television networks across America. "The spiritual results have been gratifying," reports Dr. Helms. "Counselors are on duty each evening to receive calls from those who need help spiritually and physically."

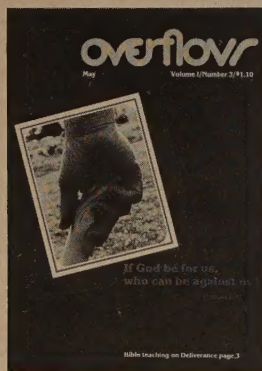
Included in today's media ministry is the unprecedented sale of Christian books, Evangelical magazines and periodicals, and flourishing.

The Van Nuys, California Foursquare Church began publishing GATEWAYS Magazine in February, 1977, to serve as a vehicle of communication through which members and participants in this growing congregation could view, together, where they were going; the path that God was directing them; the relationship of teaching and truth set in the church's history; and to corporately look ahead to a future where the Lord was calling them into.

Editor Linda Norris shares that the first year of GATEWAYS' life was lived primarily as an information piece, coupled with some testimony and teaching. This year's emphasis centers around testimony and teaching with some information. "It is beginning to have an impact beyond the church already committed to Jesus," shares Linda Norris. GATEWAYS is published four times a year and each issue is sent free to approximately 9,000 homes.

Eugene, Oregon Foursquare Church's OVERFLOW Magazine was first published in February, 1978, reports Editor Peter Helms. Designed to glorify Christ and to edify the church body, OVERFLOW features teaching that will serve to establish believers in basic Bible truths, as well as stories of those who are learning to walk with Christ in faith and who are being used by the Holy Spirit to reach a lost world. Published six weeks (nine times a year) OVERFLOW has a paid circulation of around 850.

The first issue of THE FAMILY JOURNAL was published 19 months ago by the Foursquare Church of Gresham, Oregon. It was needed to communicate on a common "level" the things Jesus was doing in the world and the church. Editor William Jastram states that its purpose is to tie together the various walks of life present in a large congregation.



Distributed to the congregation of the Gresham, Ore. Foursquare Church, THE FAMILY JOURNAL is also placed in hospitals, libraries and service organizations. Believers use it to communicate Christ to the unsaved; OVERFLOW Magazine of Eugene, Ore. Foursquare Church stimulates believers in evangelistic ministry.

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viewing the office of the evangelist, NCE focuses on two Foursquare Evangelists—Reverends and Mmes Fred Morrow and Roger Smets who have served as evangelists for 17 and nearly 5 years, respectively. The burden of Reverend and Mrs. Morrow is to (1) Reach as many people as they can with the Gospel message and; (2) see lives transformed by the power of God. The burden of Reverend and Mrs. Morrow is to fulfill the ministry of the "perfecting the saints," the Morrows endeavor to reach through the Word. Traveling from home to home 18,000 miles a year by travel trailer, they give testimony that this past year of ministry has been their most thrilling. The Morrows conduct from one to four week long campaigns, Kids Crusades, Vacation Bible Schools and minister in summer camps all over the country. Their desire to reach families for Christ has caused them to incorporate visual aids, songs, stories and sermons, and a variety of other methods and visuals into their evangelistic crusades.

In the past two years, the Smets have developed a close relationship with the Euclid, Ohio Foursquare Church which serves as a home base from which they operate as well as providing a spiritual covering, support and prayer for their ministry. Away from the Eureka Church, they are supported from "love offerings" received by their minister.

Reverend and Mrs. Roger Smets consider their "office gift" as evangelists is to minister in two ways: (1) Edify or build up the body of Christ with specialized teaching to the believer on how to effectively lead a person to Christ and; (2) minister to the unrepentant. The key message God has called them to preach to the church is that believers should love and use God's Word.

Ministry in a church for more than four days, evangelists are often scheduled for the Sunday service or a regular weeknight service. In the past months the Lord has clearly directed the Morrows to begin committing their ministry to a local fellowship for at least a month or two at a time, not to conduct nightly "evangelistic meetings," but rather, to work within the framework of the church program ministering during the regular scheduled services for the purpose of training believers in soul winning and in other ministries to the church.

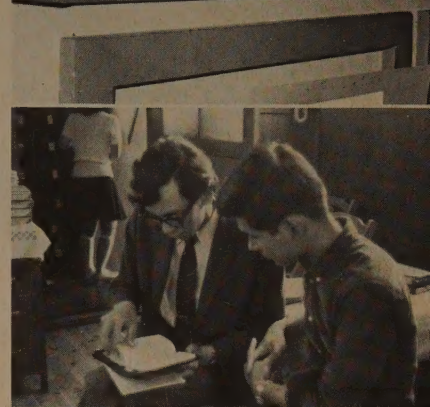
The Bible Studies and Fellowship groups are proving to be vital forces in evangelism and in the "building up" of the church as specified age groups or members of the families meet together in the informal setting of a home to engage in a Bible

study or to enjoy the fellowship of other Christian believers. Such is the case in the Orange, California Foursquare Church which has broadened its base of ministry to include the following weekly groups: 2 Senior Citizen's Bible Studies; 6 Ladies' Home Bible Studies; 1 House Ministry in nearby El Toro which they are believing will be the beginning of a new Foursquare church; and 14 monthly Fellowship Groups. Pastor Ron Williams shares that although these ministries are yet in their infant stage, already they have realized some measurable, spiritual results.

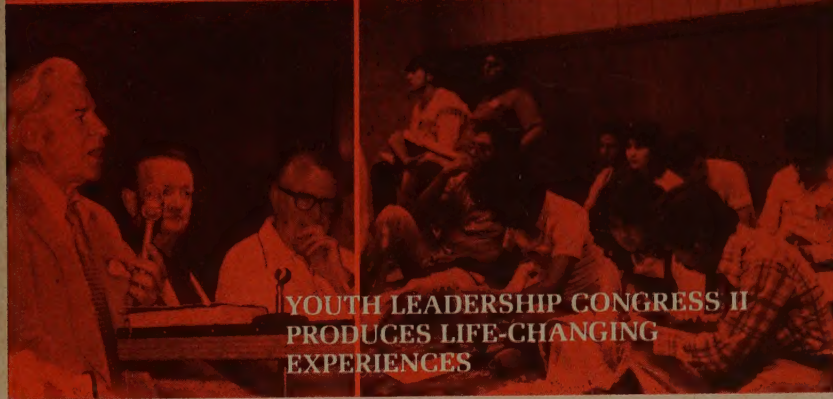
Another successful vehicle of evangelism implemented today is the Prayer Breakfast. Utilized to reach leaders, workers, and the members of varied and specific groups, many are being won to the Lord and led into a deeper Christian commitment through this arm of evangelism. The Amherst, Ohio Foursquare Church, pastored by Reverend and Mrs. Eugene Kurtz, is involved in such an Inter-Faith ministry. In November, 1977, its first Women's Prayer Breakfast was conducted and today it ministers to women representing many church denominations in the Lorain-Amherst area. Averaging around 200 in attendance, the Prayer Breakfast is held once a month in the Amherst Church Fellowship Hall with the church women serving as hostesses and the retired men of the church preparing the "light" breakfast menu. Mrs. Kurtz directs this outreach with local church women serving on the Prayer Breakfast Cabinet. "Many have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit," reports Mrs. Kurtz, "as outstanding speakers relate the Word of God to the needs of today's women."

Methods of evangelism are not only experiencing a change in the U.S. and Canada, but in many countries on the mission field new methods are also being used.

Dr. Leland Edwards, Director of Foursquare Missions International, shares that in many countries large mass crusades are still meeting with success. "However, the series of evangelistic meetings in the organized church is changing into more of a teaching type ministry to Christians. The success of home meetings has been realized in the last 25 years and its success has greatly increased in recent years, especially when they are carried on under the auspices and blessing of the local church through well-trained lay leadership. Some of our local churches have as high as 25 to 100 home meetings per week." Dr. Edwards concludes: "Radio evangelism and television is very useful and effective on most of our fields, but our people also know that nothing is as successful as one on one evangelism."



Top: "Guerilla Teams" from Az. Foursquare churches organize their strategy as they assist in the pioneering of Foursquare churches. Over 25 churches have been birthed as these aggressive teams "take to the streets" witnessing; Counselors minister to all ages as programs from three national Christian TV networks (CBN, PTL and Trinity) complement Decatur, Ill. Foursquare Church's TV log; On mission fields, one on one witnessing continues to be the most effective tool of evangelism; A spirit of love prevails at the Women's Prayer Breakfasts of Amherst, Oh. Foursquare Church. Mickey Jordan, author, ministers to women present.



**YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS II
PRODUCES LIFE-CHANGING
EXPERIENCES**

Top: Youth Ministries Director Dan Ussery utilizes multi-media tools at FYLC II; President Rolf K. McPherson and other leaders of the Denomination share on a panel at Youth Congress; The delegation of youth from Central America who attended FYLC II participates in Congress seminar.

It was a sunny day, high in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Colorado, and nearly 400 young people, pastors, youth ministers and adult advisors from four countries were gathering on June 12, 1978 for a life-changing experience of teaching, fellowship and love. They came to this 5-day congress from all over the U.S., Canada, Honduras and Guatemala looking to the Lord for His direction in their lives and ministries.

Through dozens of specialized training seminars, strong teaching times with Dr. Harold Helms and Reverend Ralph Moore, and small group interaction, the delegates were challenged to look beyond their old limitations into "new horizons of leadership."

The words of one of the delegates best express what happened at FYLC II:

"Over and over God spoke to my heart and said, 'It's not what you say or do that will move or motivate people, it's what you are in Jesus—your genuine faith and life in Christ.'"

"I envision God using my unique personality and gifts to touch lives in my church. That means allowing Jesus to use me as a vessel of life, love and liberty. This week has undoubtedly been the most blessed of my life. The Lord has answered all my prayers and met all my needs at this congress."

The full impact of the second Foursquare Leadership Youth Congress, sponsored by the Youth and Christian Education Department, is yet to be felt. Young people returned to their respective churches and communities with the flame of revival burning in their lives and the determination to begin spreading that fire wherever they go. 4

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He remained with them until the right Simon came along. You see, there was another Simon present in Samaria (Acts 8:9,24). It is important that the evangelist is responsible for his converts. Many new converts are left and abandoned to all kinds of people who come knocking on doors, etc. Because of this, the church loses many of its converts. New converts are like tiny babies, and they don't know what to believe, what to do or what to think. They must be nurtured by the church. Philip waited for the right Simon—Simon Peter to arrive and establish those believers.

Second, Philip left his converts rejoicing. He didn't go in and fleece the sheep and create problems, but he left them rejoicing.

Today the church only has an evangelist about once or twice a year. Therefore they are not there to properly equip the saints. When Philip traveled to Jerusalem and on down to Gaza and then back up to Caesarea this involved, in actuality, a short distance. They weren't talking about running across the seas somewhere. They are talking about a sort of local suburb kind of ministry. Philip had a place in Caesarea and he could have been the pastor of the church there. Or he could have been the head of the church with a pastor and a teacher on the staff. There ought to be somebody on the church staff that has the whole city or town as his burden and knows how to get out to that city or town and to lead that body in reaching that city. The evangelist is the one who has the gift and grace to do it. God didn't give pastors and teachers that gift. He gave them the shepherding gift to nurture and feed the body. The Lord has given us these inter-locking gifts. They all go together and are dependent upon one another. Why? So that no flesh can glory in his presence.

If the evangelist is a part of the local body and that body through the evangelist reaches out to the city and takes that city for Jesus, that will keep the church and evangelism together. Thank God for all the evangelists who have at least gone out and endeavored to reach the world. But the problem is the church. The church is never going to be healed until its leadership and ministries are brought back together and flow together according to the wisdom and the power of God.

My prayer is that the Lord will do a healing in the church by bringing the evangelist back into the church so that he might leave from the church to go out into the world to reach it with the good news of the Gospel. 4

The series on "The Ministry Gifts" (Ephesians 4:11) by Reverend Don Pickerill is available on cassette tape from Christian Assembly Foursquare Church, Eagle Rock, California.

field report:

Throughout my early life, whenever someone spoke of the land of China, chords of mystique, magnificence and missions rang through the instruments of my imagination. It has been the land of Marco Polo, Confucius, Sun Yat Sen and, of course, Hudson Taylor.

Through my relationship to the Semple Memorial Schools, I recently had the opportunity of traveling to Canton, China, as well as its neighbor city, Faat Shan. During my short stay in Canton, a city whose history scans 1800 years of inscrutable experience, I was privileged to visit monuments to the past and present, various social institutions such as a factory, schools, hospitals, and to see, firsthand, the agricultural advances made over the past two decades through the system of People's Communes of the People's Republic of China. Most of all, I was thankful for permission to walk about the city without undue restriction where I freely met and talked with many whose lives are orchestrated by neighborhood committees and assignments of employment "For the good of the State."

I found those with whom I talked to be open and friendly and sharing the same personal feelings, longings and needs as you and I. Yet, as one Cadre openly confessed, "due to the State's encouragement not to believe in religion," these people are left with little or no opportunity of hearing that Jesus came "that your joy may be full." Little personal sense of identity, worth, or achievement seem to be evident in the lives of these who are created in the image of God. I became acutely aware of the truth of Romans 3:23.

Just before dusk on the last evening of my visit, I stood on the veranda of my ninth floor hotel room where I could survey the entire city. With great burden for the spiritual void which encompasses the land, yet with a divinely-inspired assurance that I would someday return, I began to silently, but fervently, intercede in the Spirit for the nation which now contains nearly one-fourth of the world's population. The personal commitment to China which motivated Morrison, Semple, and Taylor now compelled me as well. As I prayed with that new-born calling, all the past musical representations of the People's Republic of China seemed to crescendo into one great finale, "Jesus Shall Reign."

AND JESUS DOES REIGN IN CHINA! He reigns in the hearts and lives of thousands of Chinese in that nation who have confessed Him to be their Lord and Master. With a spiritual heritage "planted" and "watered" by chosen men of God such as Dr. John Sung, Wang Ming Tao, and Watchman Nee and



By Ron Williams,
Hong Kong

My Visit to Red China

Top left: Children greet visiting group on Chinese commune; Ron Williams poses with Communist soldier on his recent visit to China; Street scene in Faat Shan, China.

despite persecution, imprisonment and opposition, these spiritual "princes" are faithful witnesses to the reality and relativity of Christ's Kingdom.

Returning to Hong Kong, my heart resembled the words of Peter when he said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." But I brought back with me a greater urgency and understanding of the present ministry of intercession for the People's Republic of China and the Christian brethren there to whom you and I are called.

Lord, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done IN EARTH, as it is in heaven. . ." 4

WESTERN HEMISPHERE FOUR SQUARE CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

Many of the Foursquare family will gather in Panama, November 7-12, for the Western Hemisphere Foursquare Congress on Evangelism. Everyone is invited to attend this time of fellowship and take part in an opportunity to accelerate the great task of evangelism throughout the entire Western Hemisphere.

This conclave will also mark the 50th Anniversary of the Foursquare Church in Panama. A special service commemorating this event will be held, with President Rolf K. McPherson addressing the delegates.

The Sports Arena, seating 18,000, will be the site for the Evening Services. Evangelist Robert Espinosa and Dr. Jack W. Hayford will minister on alternate nights. Five separate seminars, dealing with specific areas of ministry, will be held each weekday morning. Seminar speakers will include: Drs. N.M. Van Cleave, M.E. Nicholls, Donald McGregor, and Reverends Jerry Cook, Ernesto Murillo, and Carlos Cuadros B. Only two weekday afternoon services will be conducted with Dr. Leland Edwards and Reverend Jaime Paliarn, speakers. On Sunday morning, delegates will attend the regular Worship Services conducted simultaneously in 35 Foursquare churches in the Panama City area.

Four official Foursquare tours are planned in conjunction with the congress. Culminating in Panama at the congress, the tours will include visits to several countries of Central and South America. For further information contact your pastor or District Supervisor.

NEW MISSIONARIES SENT TO PANAMA

Reverend and Mrs. Lewis Richey and their son, Lewis III, recently departed from Los Angeles for Panama where they will serve as Foursquare missionaries. They are already actively involved in ministry in that land, which includes pastoring the

church in the Canal Zone (U.S. Service personnel and Canal workers make up the congregation). They also engaged, immediately, in intensive Spanish language study. In time they will be entering into other ministries in Panama.

Reverend and Mrs. Richey are graduates of Mt. Vernon Bible College and served as Youth Ministers in the Muir, Pennsylvania and Decatur, Illinois Foursquare Churches prior to their missionary appointment. He is the son of Reverend and Mrs. Jack Richey who served as missionaries for many years in the Philippines and who are now supervising the work in Ecuador.

DATELINE: Latin America

Colombia—For many years Pedro's mother had prayed for him. The father had abandoned the family, leaving his mother to care for 10 children. She was especially concerned about Pedro, the **eldest**, for his heart was filled with **hate** and he had become a "urban guerrilla" while in high school. As a "guerrilla" he was involved in an attempted **murder** of the High School Director, but the plan failed. Pedro and a friend had to **flee** the city to the coast, where they intended to obtain a boat and leave the country. Unable to secure a boat, Pedro walked the streets of Sta. Marta **hungry** and **desperate**. During this time he **met** a Christian who **told** him about Christ. This new friend also **invited** him to his **home** and helped him financially. Although his friend's Christian witness infuriated Pedro, one day he **responded** to his persistent **invitation** to attend the Foursquare church with him. At this service, Pastor Fernando Fernandez's message from God's Word seemed to **pinpoint** the exact areas of spiritual **need** in Pedro's life. Pedro was **angry** with his Christian friend because he thought he had told the pastor all about him. Of course, it was the **Holy Spirit** that had directed the pastor's sermon. When the invitation was given to accept Christ as Savior, Pedro **did not** respond.

Following the service, several Christians approached him and **encouraged** him to accept Christ. With this added encouragement, Pedro **responded**. He prayed the sinner's prayer and **was born again**.

Immediately Pedro **enlisted** in God's spiritual "guerrilla" force by joining a group of **young people** from the church who were conducting street meetings. The pastor then asked him to **visit** a poor area where many **criminals** lived. While there, the criminals **stole** many of his personal belongings and even **stoned** him on occasions. At times Pedro wanted to **give up**, but the pastor **encouraged** him and **prayed** with him. Pedro **remained**, and God gave him many converts.

Completing his high school training, Pedro is **now attending** the University of Tunja, a hotbed for Communism. There he has developed into a Christian **leader** with a strong positive **witness** among the students. God has also enabled him to establish several Christian **cell groups** at the university.

Every weekend Pedro attends the Foursquare church that is being pioneered by Dr. and Mrs. John Firth, Supervisors of the Foursquare work in Colombia. Pedro is also involved in **training** the **youth** of this church in personal **evangelism** on university campuses.

Home Bible Studies have been used for sometime in Colombia as an **excellent** means of **evangelism**, report Dr. and Mrs. Firth who are conducting **weekly** meetings in their home. Mrs. Firth reports: "On Sundays we are having a real **problem** trying to **pack** in the people. We have seating accommodations for 78 with the latecomers **sitting** on the stairs. At our prayer service on Wednesday evening, we also have a **packed** house. Last Wednesday night after Dr. Firth finished teaching, he asked those who had not as yet been **baptized** in the Holy Spirit to accompany me into the office. **Eight** responded and eight were **bap-**

Home Bible Study in the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Firth, missionaries to Colombia. (See story this page.)



tized in the Holy Spirit. Some folk who had already been filled with the Holy Spirit **prayed with those** who expressed a desire to be filled. Whenever Dr. Firth prays for the sick, believers **assist** him in praying for those in need of **physical healing**. It is so precious to observe these people learning to 'bear one another's burdens . . .' (Gal. 6:2 RSV) as they **support one another in prayer.**"

Argentina—Over 10 million souls live in the capital city of **Buenos Aires** which provides an ideal location for a large **center of evangelism**. Therefore, the Four-square Church has **purchased a good size lot**, strategically located in this city, for the purpose of evangelism. A special **Groundbreaking Service** was held, recently, with the missionaries, members of the National Board and Church Council participating in the ceremonies. Members of the **congregation** were given an opportunity to participate in a special **building fund offering** which was received in a bucket that was placed in the hole dug during the groundbreaking ceremony. **Gifts** were dropped into the bucket as the congregation passed by.

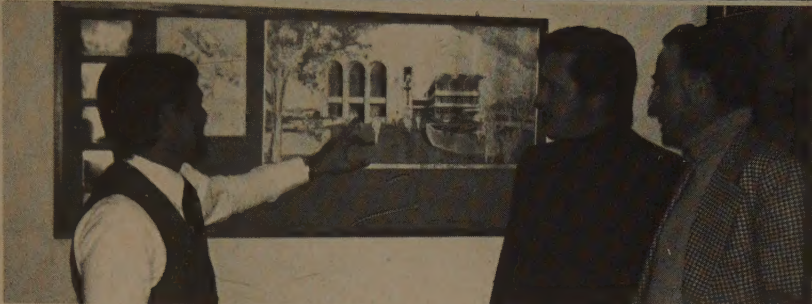
The church, which will seat up to **1,500**, will include basement rooms, a nursery, and three offices to be used by the National Supervisor, Bible College and local church. From **offerings** received from Foursquare churches in the **United States and Canada**, the Department of Missions International is able to offer financial **assistance** in this building program.

The dual purpose Christian Education building with its several classrooms and other facilities will serve as a **Bible College** facility during the week. This building is to be built by **local funds** from Argentina.

El Salvador—Elva Melendez is only **nine years old**, but she has great faith in God. One day while crossing the street she was **struck** by a car and as a result her leg was **crushed** under the



Top left: Elva Melendez experienced a miraculous healing after being run over by a car; Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Richey and son, Lewis III, form our newest missionary family to Panama; Missionaries Michael Frederick and Edwin Gurney, and architect view together drawing of proposed Headquarter's Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (See stories this page.)



wheels. At the hospital the doctor told Elva's mother that she would **never walk again** and that her leg might have to be **amputated**. Upon hearing this, Elva looked directly into the doctor's eyes and said, "**No, Doctor, you are mistaken**. God is going to **heal my leg**." The doctor **smiled** at this child who spoke so seriously and convincingly about something so **impossible!** "You will see," she said. "When you come tomorrow morning, I **will be walking** all around this room!"

The doctor walked away, shaking his head. However, the next day he found her **hobbling** around and **talking** to the other patients in the ward. "Today she **doesn't** even have a limp and **scars!** Praise God!" writes Missionary Charles Gosling.

and my village people know, I was a good **rejector** of religion, but now **God has changed** my life and I want to be baptized as a **sign of His love.**" As he goes under the water many people **cry with joy**. What a **change** has taken place in this **man's life**.

This picture has become a living reality as a result of the **financial support** and the **prayers** of Foursquare people. If they had not given and prayed, there would have been no missionary, no new converts and no Water Baptismal Service. These **souls** that are so **precious** in the eyes of God would still be living in spiritual darkness. When we realize this, the picture of a **muddy creek** in the country of Papua New Guinea becomes the most **beautiful picture** we can imagine. 4

DATELINE: South Pacific

Papua New Guinea—Picture a **muddy creek** in the country of Papua New Guinea. A Four-square congregation of about **600 people** has gathered for the Water Baptismal Service at which time **30 new converts** will be **baptized**. Before Missionary Phillip Franklin and National Pastor Metikau baptize these new converts, each one is given an opportunity to **testify**. A village leader testifies: "As you visitors

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| Western | 83,214.13 |



Above: Grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. William Mouer present a floral tribute to their grandparents at Farewell Gathering. Below: President Rolf K. McPherson (left) conferred the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in behalf of Mount Vernon Bible College on Rev. Mrs. William Mouer; Congratulations are extended by Dr. Jack Hayford to Rev. Charles Smith, recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from L.I.F.E. Bible College.

MOUNT VERNON BIBLE COLLEGE HONORS DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MOUER AT FAREWELL GATHERING

Dean and Mrs. William Mouer received a tremendous ovation as they entered the Student Center on the Bible College campus in Ohio on May 23, 1978 which marked the occasion of a special farewell to this couple that has served the college for 21 years.

Present for this special occasion were President Rolf K. McPherson, General Supervisor and Mrs. M.E. Nicholls, Director of Missions International and Mrs. Leland Edwards, Reverend John Bowers—National Director of Youth and Christian Education, ministers from Ohio and neighboring states, and the student body. Special tributes were made to the Mouers by several officers of the Denomination, representatives from various Bible College groups and the student body, and a parishioner from a former pastorate.

Members of the Alumni Association, Chapel and student body participated in the program. The Mouer family is well known for its musical ministry which was carried out as Reverend William Mouer, Jr. joined with his sister, Norma Myers, and the grandchildren to pay tribute to their parents. Retired Eastern District Supervisor, Dr. Warren L. Koon, was present to relate events from the early days of the Mouer ministry.

Prior to their appointment to the Bible College in 1960, the Mouers spent 16 years in pastoral ministry. Dr. Mouer has served the denomination as its representative on the Commission of Chaplains of N.A.E. as well as

Chairman of the Foursquare Chaplaincy Commission.

Dr. and Mrs. Mouer joined the staff of the Portland, Oregon Foursquare Church in August as Assistant Pastors.

President Rolf K. McPherson announces the appointment of Dr. Howard W. Clark as Acting President of Mount Vernon Bible College and Reverend Marty Jenkins as Acting Executive Vice President.

The farewell gathering for Dr. and Mrs. Mouer was planned by the student body and Corporation officers with Mrs. Howard Clark, wife of the Eastern District Supervisor, serving as hostess. She was assisted by Peggy Nicholls and Juanita Middlebrook. Dr. Harold Helms, who assisted Dean Mouer in the Bible College for 10 years, served as Master of Ceremonies.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF DIVINITY DEGREES CONFERRED AT RECENT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Reverend Mrs. William Mouer—Conferred by Mount Vernon Bible College, Mrs. William (Opal) Mouer graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1944 and was ordained the same year. Serving with her husband, Dr. William Mouer, in 34 years of faithful ministry, Mrs. Mouer has contributed in an outstanding way to the ministry of Mount Vernon Bible College the past 18 years through her teaching and administrative duties.

Reverend Charles (Chuck) Ward Smith—Conferred by L.I.F.E. Bible College in Los Angeles, Dr. Jack W. Hayford, President of L.I.F.E. Bible College, commended Reverend Smith for his leadership in serving the whole body of Christ. Graduating from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1948, Reverend Smith pastored several churches in Arizona and California following his graduation. In 1966 God directed him into the ministry which he has since devoted himself, as pastor of the Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California, a ministry which began with just 25 persons and has now grown to a congregation of 25,000. 4

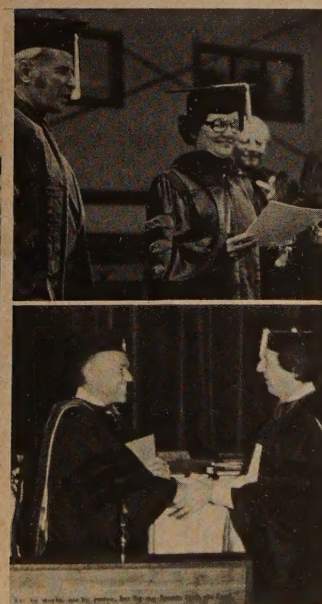
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current & events comments

Shades of Armageddon! International armies now encamp on three of the four frontiers of Israel! Soldiers of several nations, under United Nations auspices, now separate Jewish forces from Egyptians in the Sinai, from Syrians in the Golan Heights, and from the Palestine Liberation Organization's guerrillas in Lebanon, the latest area to be implemented.

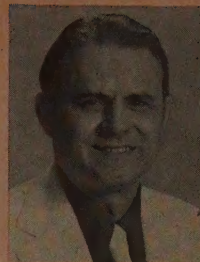
Israel would become completely ringed by international armies if a Peace Keeping Force were to be deployed along the frontier with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

According to Bible prophecies, international armies will one day converge on Israel not as Peace Keeping Forces but as war making attackers. Scholars stretch the term Armageddon—the name of a valley in the Galilee region—to designate this last war before the millennium, a war that will end all wars for a thousand years. God announced through Joel, "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land" (Joel 2:2). The two charges God levels against the nations involve the dispersion of Israel by the Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans and others beginning in the eighth century B.C., and the

partition of the Promised Land, primarily in 1948 but probably also including the separation of Transjordan from Palestine by the British after World War I. Every international government insists that Israel, whose Six Day War blitzkrieg ended the partition *de facto* in June, 1967 but whose occupation of the area has never been recognized *de jure*, return the West Bank, Golan Heights, Sinai, and Jerusalem to the Arabs thus activating the partition. God guarantees He will deal with the nations on both counts.

But before God lowers the boom on the invading nations, Israel faces terrific trauma. Zechariah 14:2 also projects an international invasion: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished . . ." But "then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations . . . And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives . . ." (Zech. 14:3-4). With this correlates Revelation 19:11-21.

Obviously the United Nations has not sent Peace Keeping Forces to Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon to attack Israel—yet. But what we have on these three frontiers is, in effect, all nations cooperating for a certain purpose—now the prevention of war between Israel and the Arabs. No American troops are there, but our U.N. participation makes us officially part of the action. We are paying a good portion of the freight. But one day the purpose will change, and international armies will precipitate Armageddon. But notice that God is in control even then. Through both Joel and Zechariah God exercises sovereignty about both the attack and the outcome!



Butch Sloan (center) shown with other athletes in meet in Vancouver, B.C.

OLYMPIC ATHLETE CONVERTED

A member of the 1976 Canadian Olympic Judo team, Bill (Butch) Sloan and his wife, Marion, became members of God's family when they accepted Christ as their Savior in September, 1977.

Butch met his wife while they were members of a judo club. Today, they both attend the Campbell River, B.C. Foursquare Church.

Butch received international recognition when he participated on the Canadian National Team in a North American Judo Championship Tournament at which time he defeated the Mexican National Champion in the final match and placed first in the competition. However, when Butch and his wife gave their hearts to Christ, He became "Number One" in their lives.

As a result of his conversion, Butch has had the opportunity to share his faith in Christ with many athletes.





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